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SIR,

IT will be impoſſible for me to ſatisfy you in the Particulars you want to learn, as I queſtion if any one here knows what Turn Affairs will take, and how far any Aſſurances given us are to be depended on. It is plain to me, that one Side puts on a Face

that belies their Proceedings, and a Jealouſy peeps thro' the Maſk of Confidence, in ſpight of their Endeavours to conceal it.

Much Noiſe has been made, and great Triumph aſſumed, on the ill Succeſs of L—— *K*——*e*'s Memorial, which was Yeſterday printed with a *Letter* which I ſend you. That Nobleman's Conduct has been called to the *Bar* both of *Reaſon* and *Folly*; implicitly Condemned at one, and unfairly Tried at the Other. His Enemies (*i. e.* the Enemies of the Kingdom) have loaded him with heavy Imputations, heavier Conſequences, and, what is heavieſt of all, with a Profuſion of their Wit; tho', I think, they object nothing in Impeachment of his Honour, his Courage, or his Love for his Country. His Friends have, many of them, made partial Conceſſions, grounded on Ignorances both of Facts and Circumſtances; they allow it was imprudent, unſeaſonable, and uncourtly, without regarding the Circumſtances, that change every Face of an Undertaking, and render the ſame Thing laudable in One, that had been chimerical or unpardonable in another. It had been imprudent in One, who wanted a *Place* or a *Penſion*,

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or ſtood in awe of a *Miniſtry*: It had been unſeaſonable in Another, who conſiders *that Truth is not always to be Spoken*, and conſequently never offers it, till there be no Occaſion for it: It had been uncourtly in a Third, trained in the Maxims of *Self-Policy* or *Party-Craft*, and the *Menial* Myſteries of Court Intrigues, which they that carry themſelves higheſt in Power are fain to ſtoop to, in order to obtain it. Thus, Sir, are we ever apt to confound the Ideas we have of Men, who want to raiſe themſelves and a Party, and take Meaſures agreeably; with thoſe we have of Others, who are prompted by Publick Motives, independent of Conſequences, that may affect themſelves.

If I am rightly informed, this young Nobleman uſed every Precaution, to ſecure his Friends from any Share of the Diſpleaſure which might ariſe in the Minds of a Miniſtry, who are apt to be puzzled with any Contravention of their laboured Plans, and made ſure of Engroſſing to himſelf their united Indignation, if his Hopes failed of having his Repreſentation make its Way to the Throne with a favourable Acceptance. It came, it ſeems, at the *Contre temps*;

temps; and what, at another Time, had been a magnified Inſtance of Patriot Worth, is now an ill-judged Attempt, and inexcuſable Temerity, in the Opinion of all, who do, or can, only judge from Events. And what are the Events? or what is the diſmal Cataſtrophe that awaits us? For my Part, Sir, I have not taken the Alarm, nor can I ſuffer my ſelf to be annihilated with Apprehenſions of the terrible Enmity of an incenſed and all-powerful *under* Secretary, who may devote to Ruin a whole People, for Indignities offered to his Friends. It is a Jeſt to imagine the *Junto Letter*, which has crowned their Schemes, had any other Riſe than this inveterate Malice to a principal Oppoſer of moſt pernicious Deſigns; as evidently appears from the Retroſpect it has to the recent Affair of *S——e* and *M——y*, with which they have ridiculouſly connected, and inſolently inſtanced the *Greatneſs of his M——y's Mind*; and as an accumulated Proof of that Heroick Conſtancy, which *Europe* acknowleges and admires, his *M——y* not only appears to have abided firm to the Queen of *Hungary*, in her deepeſt Diſtreſſes, but alſo to have remained unſhaken and unmoved (if we believe this

this Letter) by the moſt violent Attacks, inſiduouſly made on his *Amanuenſis* and *Attorney*.

It was not the Sin of the *Memorial* drew down, on this generous Adventurer for his Country, the Puniſhment of his *M——y*'s Diſcountenance; but becauſe he would not fall down and worſhip an Image, ſet up in Oppoſition to all true Believers in the *natural Rights* of *loyal Subjects*; becauſe he was not ingenious enough to perceive, that the Intereſts of a Miniſtry are always the Intereſts of King and People; and that there is an *Infallibility* in certain Conclaves, who have ſecured to themſelves the Power of the Keys, and only know the Trim of the Lock.

I am, &c.

this Letter) by the most violent Attacks, indignantly made on his Memory, and Mercy.

It was not the Sin of the Arrowsmith drew down, on this generous Adventurer for his Certainty, the Punishment of his M——y's Displeasure; but because he would not fall down and worship an Image, set up in Opposition to all true Believers in the natural Rights of Royal Subjects; because he was not ingenious enough to perceive, that the Interests of a Ministry are always the Interests of King and People; and that there is an infallible Certain Conclaves, who have secured to themselves the Power of the Keys, and only know the Trim of the Lock.

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